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SUBJECT: REUTERS STORY ON GAO REPORT RE U.S. AID TO
PAKISTAN

AS POST PROBABLY AWARE FROM NEWS REPORTS, SEVERAL PAPERS
HAVE PICKED UP REUTERS REPORT ON RELEASE OF GAO REPORT
"U.S. AID TO PAKISTAN SHOULD BE REASSESSED". PAK EMBASSY
HERE REQUESTED AND RECEIVED COPIES FROM GAO, AND HAS CON-
TACTED US TO EXPRESS THEIR CONCERN. THEY FEAR THERE COULD
BE MISUNDERSTANDING IN GOP CIRCLES UNFAMILIAR WITH NATURE
OF GAO. WE ASKED GAO OFFICIAL CONCERNED IF HE WOULD
TELEPHONE PAKS WITH EXPLANATION OF GAO APPROACH AND ACTI-
VITIES IN OTHER COUNTRIES (I.E., INDIA,ABOUT WHICH PAKS
SPECIFICALLY ASKED). HE AGREED, SO PAK EMBASSY WILL PRE-
SUMABLY BE ABLE TO CLARIFY TO GOP VARIOUS ASPECTS OF REPORT.
WE HAVE ALSO OFFERED TO MEET WITH PAK EMBASSY OFFICIALS TO
GIVE OUR OWN VIEW; MEETING NOW SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 9. WE
HOPE EFFORTS WILL MOLLIFY PAKS, BUT YOU MAY WISH TO UNDER-
TAKE YOUR OWN EFFORTS. KISSINGER

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